

The Declaration of Independence: Vocabulary Lesson

Read the excerpt from the Declaration of Independence and note the underlined vocabulary words. After you finish reading, follow the directions below.



"We hold these truths to be <u>self-evident</u>, that all men are created equal, that they are <u>endowed</u> by their Creator with certain <u>unalienable</u> Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are <u>instituted</u> among Men, <u>deriving</u> their just powers from the <u>consent</u> of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the people to <u>alter</u> or to <u>abolish</u> it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

From the start of the second paragraph from the original document.

Below is a list of synonyms of the underlined words. Beside each synonym, write the matching vocabulary word from the Declaration of Independence.

Obvious	
Absolute	
Change	
Receiving	
Destroy	
Given	
Created	
Agreement	